



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## MILD AUTUMN WEATHER CONTINUES TO FACILITATE FARM ACTIVITIES

Mild weather early in the week allowed producers to make good progress seeding wheat and harvesting soybeans and cotton. Late week showers helped with wheat emergence and improvement of cool season pastures. Other farm activities last week included preparing tobacco for sale, mowing cotton stalks, tree digging, and marketing calves. Hay supplies are adequate and the majority of cattle are rated to be in good-to-excellent condition.

There were 5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 23 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Across Tennessee last week, temperatures continued to average about 1 to 3 degrees below normal. Precipitation amounts averaged 0.4 to 0.7 inches below normal across Middle and East Tennessee while across West Tennessee the average was approximately 0.2 inches above normal.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	86	75	99	77	Pastures	2	12	42	41	3
Soybeans – Harvested	81	67	98	79	Cattle	0	3	25	62	10
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	39	33	40	42						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	74	56	79	64						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	46	31	35	34						

### County Agent Comments

*“Farmers continue to have good weather for harvest. Winter Wheat is being seeded and is beginning to emerge. Pastures are drying down somewhat due to time of year and to light frost. Overall, Ag outlook is promising.”*  
**J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County**

*“The farmers in Fayette County were busy harvesting cotton and beans until a front moved in Wednesday night and rained our farmers out. Other activities included seeding wheat.”*  
**Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County**

*“Combines started rolling Sunday afternoon and producers made good progress through Wednesday. Rain showers on Thursday dropped approximately .50" of precipitation helping topsoil moisture levels and germinating wheat.”*  
**Jeff Lannom, Weakley County**

*“Giles County got another 1/2" of rain this week. Soybean harvest almost completed. There are still several acres of cotton in the fields.”*  
**Kevin Rose, Giles County**

*“Thursday morning rain brought soybean harvest to a stop for a while. Cool season pastures are improving while warm season pastures are through for the year due to frost. Feeder cattle look fairly good. Cattle numbers at the markets have increased and cattle prices remain strong.”*  
**Richard Groce, Maury County**

*“A cold front swept across the County on Thursday producing about .75 inch of rain. This makes for the third week in a row, field work has been interrupted by a mid to late week cold front that has brought showers across the County. Temperatures remain mild to slightly above normal. Most areas saw killing frost on Sunday morning of 10/30. Farmers were busy the first half of the week with soybean and cotton harvest and planting wheat.”*  
**Ed Burns, Franklin County**

*“Still some beans and corn to harvest. Hay supplies look adequate.”*  
**Scott Chadwell, Putnam County**

*“Two days out of the field again this week due to rain. Soybean harvest, wheat seeding, and tree digging are major field activities this time of year. 1/2 to 3/4 inch of rain fell.”*  
**J. Dale Beaty, Warren County**

*“Living in Tennessee is the best!!!”*  
**Joe E. Hall, Anderson County**

*“We had 4 more frosts this week. Johnson grass is history. We had some rain on Thursday evening. We’re getting lots of calls from producers wanting to purchase cheap hay.”*  
**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*“Continued rains and warm weather have been good for fall pastures.”*  
**Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County**

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: November 06, 2011 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 6, 2011				Current Week 11/06/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	72	34	52	-4	0.39	3	43.93	0.80	31.41	2.05
Brownsville_TN	72	34	52	-4	0.33	2	47.91	4.99	35.33	6.21
Covington	71	35	52	-3	0.41	1	48.31	6.13	36.62	8.12
Dyersburg	72	36	54	-2	0.35	1	42.12	1.00	28.95	0.65
Huntingdon_Wate	72	33	51	-3	0.37	2	48.82	4.66	34.51	4.11
Jackson_Exp_Stn	73	31	51	-4	0.38	3	47.48	4.42	35.64	5.86
Lexington_TN	72	33	51	-4	0.45	2	41.25	-0.80	29.72	0.86
Martin	73	36	53	0	0.59	2	54.81	11.03	38.36	7.82
Memphis_AG	73	33	53	-5	0.46	2	47.53	5.44	35.91	7.31
Milan	73	30	51	-3	0.34	2	56.10	11.35	42.15	11.02
Paris	71	32	49	-4	0.39	2	56.87	13.60	40.88	11.12
Savannah_6SW	73	33	52	-4	0.72	3	48.28	1.81	33.74	2.73
Selmer	70	31	50	-4	0.45	3	46.44	0.71	34.11	3.62
Union_City	70	31	50	-4	0.40	2	51.20	8.25	36.03	6.26
Clarksville_Sew	72	33	51	-2	0.39	2	55.21	13.49	40.80	12.73
Cookeville	69	30	48	-4	0.57	2	58.34	11.10	41.87	9.66
Crossville_AP	63	30	49	-2	0.64	2	50.42	4.23	35.77	4.60
Dickson_AG	70	31	51	-3	0.50	1	45.51	1.08	30.34	-0.08
Dover_1W	70	32	50	-3	0.62	3	56.44	12.87	39.85	10.18
Fayetteville_TN	70	30	51	-2	0.44	2	54.13	9.50	37.45	8.10
Jamestown	66	28	47	-4	0.61	1	58.85	12.97	41.20	9.16
Kingston_Spring	72	30	50	-2	0.58	2	44.11	1.20	31.02	2.08
Lawrenceburg_Fl	69	32	50	-3	0.65	2	47.23	1.03	33.35	2.97
Lewisburg	70	26	49	-4	0.50	1	52.73	7.05	37.47	6.37
Linden	70	32	50	-3	0.75	2	44.22	-1.26	31.38	0.89
Livingston_WLIV	67	30	48	-4	0.60	1	58.27	14.38	39.18	8.81
Murfreesboro_5N	70	30	49	-5	0.66	2	51.20	6.75	37.22	6.55
Nashville_Metro	69	34	52	-3	0.47	1	41.47	2.22	29.02	2.01
Oneida	68	27	46	-4	0.65	1	63.36	17.09	44.53	12.13
Portland_TN	68	29	51	-2	0.44	2	48.48	5.81	32.44	3.07
Pulaski_Water_P	68	29	47	-8	0.55	1	55.48	9.87	40.69	10.47
Shelbyville	70	33	52	-3	0.41	2	58.49	12.63	42.12	11.14
Sparta_TN	69	29	48	-4	0.56	1	56.57	10.67	40.89	9.56
Springfield	70	33	52	0	0.43	1	48.29	7.30	34.02	5.90
Springhill	73	27	49	-4	0.68	1	40.63	-4.81	28.27	-2.56
Tullahoma	68	32	50	-5	0.57	1	51.08	4.06	37.05	6.00
Chattanooga/Lov	67	35	51	-5	0.52	1	49.82	5.36	31.43	2.70
Cleveland_6NNE	67	30	49	-4	0.62	2	38.67	-6.96	24.24	-5.83
Dayton	65	31	48	-6	0.65	1	49.56	3.01	32.86	2.33
Erwin_1W	68	27	46	-4	1.33	2	44.77	2.97	33.26	2.97
Gatlinburg_2SW	66	28	45	-5	1.08	3	54.49	6.44	40.04	5.93
Greeneville	69	27	46	-6	1.23	2	40.94	4.29	30.32	4.36
Kingston_AG	66	34	49	-2	0.76	1	51.79	3.25	35.34	2.88
Knoxville_AP	66	32	49	-4	0.76	1	45.01	5.51	31.05	4.87
Newcomb	67	28	47	-3	0.83	1	53.08	6.81	38.57	6.17
Norris_4NE	66	31	48	-4	0.96	1	55.80	11.72	39.25	9.06
Tri-City_RGNL_A	67	27	47	-5	1.63	2	40.54	5.61	27.79	3.23

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

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